

Program(s) Affected: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Title of Rule: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):
Employment and Training (E&T) Program: Outcome Performance Measures

State of Rulemaking: Expected publication of preliminary rule in June 2012

Is the Rule Currently Open for Public Comment? 60 day comment period once published.

Rule Summary:

The Department proposes to establish outcome performance measures for the SNAP E&T program and require the reporting of this information. The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act) at section 6(d)(4) requires that each State agency implement an employment and training program designed to help members of SNAP households gain skills, training, employment, or experience that increase participants' ability to obtain regular employment. State agencies may operate E&T programs in-house or contract out these services.

Section 16(h)(5) of the Act provides that the Secretary monitor SNAP E&T programs to measure their effectiveness in terms of the increase in the numbers of household members who obtain employment and the numbers of such members who retain employment as a result of their participation in SNAP E&T programs. This rule would establish such outcome performance measures.

Currently, State agencies provide outcome measures voluntarily in their annual SNAP E&T plans. This rule would establish a standard set of measures and require annual reporting of such measures on the FNS-583. State agencies would have the option to report outcome performance measures for all or some of the SNAP E&T participants who obtain employment.

This rule would become effective in FY 2015.